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BEFORE THE UTAH INSURANCE COMMISSIONER

UTAH INSURANCE DEPARTMENT,

Complainant,

VS.

A SPORTSMANS BAIL BONDS,

Respondent.

FINDINGS OF FACT, CONCLUSIONS OF LAW AND ORDER

Docket No. 2018-4051

Lisa Watts Baskin Presiding Officer

Complainant, Utah Insurance Department ("Department") and Respondent, A Sportsmans Bail Bonds, have stipulated to entry of the following Findings of Fact, Conclusions of Law, and Order. Based upon that stipulation, and good cause appearing, the Presiding Officer makes and enters the following:

FINDINGS OF FACT

- Respondent is a resident limited line producer organization holding license number
 97860.
- Respondent's mailing address is 3363 South 700 West, Salt Lake City, Utah 84119 4115.

- 3. One of Respondent's limited line producers with a bail qualification allowed his license to lapse on August 31, 2018. He reinstated his license on September 12, 2018, and Respondent associated the producer to its license on September 13, 2018.
- 4. During the time this producer was not associated to Respondent, he wrote six bonds on behalf of Respondent.
- 5. On July 27, 2017, in Docket No. 2017-69BB, Respondent agreed to pay an administrative forfeiture of \$500.00 for allowing another producer who was not associated to write bonds.
- 6. The Department and Respondent have agreed to an administrative forfeiture of \$1,000.00.

CONCLUSIONS OF LAW

- 1. The Utah Insurance Commissioner ("Commissioner") has jurisdiction over the parties and this adjudicative proceeding pursuant to Utah Code §§ 31A-1-105 and 31A-2-201.
- 2. The Commissioner has legal authority to impose penalties on the Department's licensees who violate the Utah Insurance Code. Utah Code § 31A-2-308.
- 3. Respondent's conduct violates Utah Code § 31A-35-402(2) and 31A-23a-205. A bail bond producer may not issue a bail bond without holding a current appointment from a bail bond agency.
- 4. As penalties for the violations in this case, Respondent should be ordered to pay a forfeiture of \$1,000.00.

ORDER

Based on the foregoing Findings of Fact and Conclusions of Law, it is hereby Ordered

that:

- 1. Respondent shall pay a forfeiture of \$1,000.00 for the violations described in the Conclusions of Law.
- 2. Respondent is ordered not to commit the violations described in the Conclusions of Law in the future.

DATED this 8 day of November, 2018.

TODD E. KISER Utah Insurance Commissioner

Lisa Watts Baskin Presiding Officer

Utah Insurance Department

NOTICE TO RESPONDENT

You are hereby notified that a failure to obey an Order of the Commissioner may subject you to further penalties, including forfeitures of up to \$5,000 per violation and the suspension or revocation of your license and the filing of an action in district court, which may impose forfeitures of up to \$10,000 per day for continued violation. You are further notified that other jurisdictions in which you may be licensed may require that you report this action to them.

CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE

The undersigned certifies that on this date a true and correct copy of the foregoing

Findings of Fact, Conclusions of Law and Order was emailed to:

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DATED this <u>Oth</u> day of <u>NDVewber</u>, 2018.

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